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In re: Walter NIEDERSTAETTER *et al.*  
International Application No.: PCT/EP2004/009396  
International Filing Date: August 23, 2004  
For: *INTRINSICALLY STABLE SHIRRED STICK*

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Dear Sirs:

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Pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 1.56 and 1.97 *et seq.*, Applicant hereby submits the attached Form(s) PTO/SB/08A and the references listed thereon. The relevancy of each reference is disclosed in the attached International Search Report.

Applicant certifies, pursuant to Rule 1.97 (e), each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

This submission does not represent an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." Applicant respectfully requests that each reference be reviewed and made of record in the instant application.

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